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SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE CALL FROM OCA REPRESENTATIVE

0945, 26 September 1968

Mr. Tony Brown, British journalist associated with U.S. Army General SIBERT (Ret), is presently staying at the Hotel Splendid in Munich and has run up a bill of approximately DM 4,000, which he has been promising to pay for the past several days and has failed to do so. About DM 1,000 are telephone charges.

The OCA Representative contacted Mr. KLINKS, manager of Hotel Splendid, Maximillianstr, and found the latter very courteous and reasonable. Mr. KLINKS speaks excellent English. The OCA Representative told Mr. KLINKS that he was an officer at the United States Consulate General in Munich, but was calling unofficially concerning the indebtedness of Mr. BROWN. OCA Representative explained that, as BROWN is not a U.S. citizen, the Consulate cannot become officially involved; however, because we did not desire Gen SIBERT's name tarnished by involvement in a police action, we would try to assist in settling the matter.

Mr. KLINKS stated that he understood, and appreciated the position taken by the OCA Representative. He consented to cooperate by delaying a complaint to the police, which he had intended to register on 26 September. Mr. KLINKS stated that he believed BROWN was unstable.

The OCA Representative told Mr. KLINKS that we would arrange to have a friend of Gen SIBERT's come to the hotel and pay the bill (again stressing that this would be done only in respect for Gen SIBERT and not because of any official obligation by the Consulate General). Mr. KLINKS said that he would not be available between 1330 and 1500 because of a medical appointment, but requested that the "friend of Gen SIBERT" contact him before or after that period. The OCA Representative recommended that the person who contacts the hotel speak only with Mr. KLINKS personally, and have sufficient cash to pay a bill in excess of DM 4,000.

(At this point, OCA Representative received
a telephone call from BROWN on another line.)

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REPORT OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN OCA REPRESENTATIVE AND TONY BROWN

Circa 1000 hours, 26 September 1968

BROWN told the OCA Representative that he was having a little "difficulty" at his hotel. He said he wanted to do the right thing and fully intended to pay the bill; however, he had not received the money he has telegraphed for from Harper and Row, his publishers--but the hotel manager would not even believe that he had sent for the money and was pressing him to pay immediately. BROWN said the basic cause of his inability to pay the bill was that he had given his travellers checks to Gen SIBERT and "Mr. CANFIELD" to enable them to travel on; and he was not able to cash the personal checks he had received from Gen SIBERT and Mr. CANFIELD in exchange. BROWN asked the OCA Representative to contact the hotel manager and assure him the bill will be taken care of, and the OCA Representative agreed to assist in this manner. (The OCA Representative did not tell BROWN that he had already discussed the matter with Mr. KLICKS.)

The OCA Representative asked BROWN about a report from Mr. KELLY of the Visa Section that BROWN had attempted to cash personal checks through the U.S. Consulate General. BROWN said that the OCA Representative was all wrong, as he, BROWN, had made no such attempts. The OCA Representative, speaking firmly, told BROWN that Mr. KELLY had made this statement, which the OCA representative was merely repeating, and that the OCA Representative wanted to make it abundantly clear to BROWN that BROWN was not representing the United States Government in any fashion and was not to use the names of official Americans or Germans for his own purposes. BROWN said that of course he understood he was here on a commercial assignment and had no intention of involving persons in official governmental status. BROWN repeated that he just wanted to do the right thing, and keep this problem among "ourselves."

Circa 1030 hours, 26 September

BROWN called the OCA Representative and told him he had just received word from American Express that the money he was waiting for had arrived, and that he intended to pick it up and pay the hotel bill right away.

(The OCA Representative telephoned Mr. KLICKS and told him he understood BROWN now had sufficient funds and would pay his bill on 26 September; however, Mr. KLICKS should advise the OCA Representative if BROWN failed to settle the bill)

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